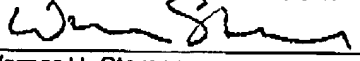


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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2006, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 5-19, drawn to an apparatus for feeding sheets, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 5-19 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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